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[redacted] called this morning and he feels that the IHC should take official note of General Carter's memorandum to the DCI.

Leo feels that the 1 april 1969 date for starting full scale data gathering on COINS is rather optimistic. He feels that with CIA's coming in January that a one month period of acceptance is almost impossible due to the newness of the concept. He also pointed out that CIA's time-sharing package called TSMON period required changing after the 67 is on CIA premises. The implication is that if CIA is going to have these kinds of problems, that the other agencies that are also changing hardware in that same time period will certainly encounter similar problems.

In his conversation he makes ^aillusion to a reduction from a 12 month data gathering and operational use of COINS to a 6 month period. (I feel that the 12 month operational use period he refers to was by the board a long time ago) In any case Leo is of the firm opinion that 6 months is far too little time to gather data and operate the system prior to evaluation.

I pointed out to Leo that [redacted] had referred to this 3 months for evaluation comment in General Carter's memorandum as gratuitous. Leo commented that 3 months is probably inadequate to go through an evaluation exercise.

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He feels that there must be a great deal of analysis done by the test and analysis panel headed by [] (question: Does this analysis by [] take a slice of the 3 month evaluation period?). I pointed out there were other areas which required consideration other than those which are going to be covered by [] and company. Any way [] feels that 3 months is probably insufficient.

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Jim would you see if you can draft a memorandum to IHC members incorporating some of the thoughts above in a more diplomatic language.